For over 40 years, AEDC has supported regional economic development by providing funding for small businesses, building funding partnerships to support community development projects, and by working in the community to identify and address pressing economic development issues. AEDC’s lending products include microloans of $5,000 to large purchases of commercial property over $3 million. Funding sources include the SBA, EDA, USDA, Headwaters Funds and more. AEDC’s service area includes Humboldt, Del Norte, Mendocino, Lake, Trinity, and Siskiyou Counties. AEDC is committed to supporting the growth of our small local businesses, but we also recognize that community and infrastructure development is crucial to economic and business success. Regional collaboration is critical to addressing many of these needs and AEDC, as the only regionally based CDFI, is poised to play a pivotal role in those conversations.

**CDFI Story: Hoopa Valley Grocery Store, Hoopa, CA**

At $4.2 million dollars, Hoopa Valley Grocery Store's loan from AEDC, in partnership with several partners, is the largest loan made to date. There was a critical need to address the food desert for the Hoopa Valley Tribe when their only grocery store closed. Even with AEDC’s usual funding partners, the project required more money than could be accessed locally. AEDC used our experience bringing together funding partners, and a Bureau of Indian Affairs Guarantee, to raise $1.4 million dollars locally and $2.8 million from out-of-the-area CDFI partners, creating 20 jobs and an important asset for community health.